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P. F. DOINGS

After a fruitful series of fall workshops to train local Pilgrim Fellowship leaders, a number of the areas have also had enthusiastic rallies. Woodside entertained West Bay in a fun night, with business and worship added too. Redwood had an all day rally at Mill Valley, featuring excellent workshop sessions led by Rev. Gordon Foster, Rev. James Senter, and Mr. George Lindsay, the whole program being managed by Mr. Theodore Gustafson, area adviser. Lloyd Lorbeer was the speaker at East Bay rally November 15 at St. Mark's E. and R. Church and at Upper Bay November 16. Featured at latter rally at Pittsburg was a closing worship service during which the P. F. membership cards for the current year were given out by area president Eleanor Pfaffenberger. Porterville played host to San Joaquin area November 30, with Rev. George Aki as rally speaker and with the group from Fresno, Pilgrim leading in worship. Modoc PFers had their rally and workshop combined at Cedarville on November 1.

MODOC VISIT

On Sunday, November 2, a Conference team of visitors consisting of Rev. William W. Meyer, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Miss Celia Elmore, Rev. Nels F. Sanderson, and Rev. Maurice L. de Vries, who is the registrar of the Sacramento Valley Association, were present at a recognition service at the Eagleville Church. This was an appropriate climax to the reception of the church into the membership of the Sacramento Valley Association.

The speakers also held a group meeting at Adin and participated in services of worship at Alturas and Cedarville and held a countywide conference on Monday night, November 3, at Likely.

Almost the whole range of our common work was presented, including the Postwar Emergency Program, young people's work, Christian education, and the Federation of Congregational Women. Plans were discussed looking toward the formation of a Modoc County larger parish. Rev. William Moll Case of Alturas and Rev. Terence Stoker of Cedarville took care of the local arrangements.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 28-31—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, Sacramento.

January 2-9—Junior High rallies and leaders' meetings.

January 15 — Annual meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Broadmoor Church, San Leandro.

January 23—Annual meeting and dinner, Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland.

January 23-28—Mid-Winter Meetings, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

February 11—Lent begins.

February 17-19—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

March 28—Easter.

TO YOU, AND YOU, AND YOU!!

A Personal Letter from the Superintendent

This is a personal letter to each one in our **Pacific** family. You have heard the words "crucial" and "crisis" again and again. Perhaps they have been used so freely that they no longer stir us.

If there were stronger words I would use them; if there were some other way to tell you this story I would go to almost any length to do it.

Here are the facts! We are **not** doing our part in the imperative Postwar Emergency Program.

We are not nearly reaching the goal asked of us.

We are not doing as well as a number of our sister conferences.

We are not taking the need of our brethren overseas as seriously as their situation demands.

We are not maintaining an increase in our benevolence and Postwar Emergency giving proportional to the support of the current expenses of our own churches.

We are not adequately sharing the prosperity which came to us as a result of the war with whose who from the same war suffered disaster.

These are general statements applicable to our total Northern California fellowship. Some churches by their giving may be able to deny one or more of the five negative statements. If so, All Hail and God Bless you! Let the rest of us, yes all of us, face them in humility and with heart searching. May we concentrate our thinking on the question: "What more can I do?" rather than on "Have I done my share?"

Less than one month will remain after The Pacific reaches your hands before the books for 1947 will close. **January 10 is the deadline.** It is Christmas-time and there are so many things to do. But what more important thing at Christmas than to take inventory of your giving, of idle money in the treasuries of the various groups in our churches, of the willingness of people to give when they understand. Let there be a flood of remittances that will hearten all who labor and that will carry a message of goodwill even to the uttermost parts of the world,

Yours in Comradeship of Service,
HARLEY H. GILL

P. F. Midwinter

With a December 18th deadline for registration, the young people of our churches are gearing their plans to converge on Sacramento, December 28 to 31, for the annual Midwinter Conference of Pilgrim Fellowship.

Registration blanks, or, in an emergency, merely the names of delegates, must be sent with the $2.00 registration fee to the Pilgrim Fellowship office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. If possible, the total $7.00 fee should be sent at the time of registration. There will be no limitation on the number of delegates.

It should be noted that the Conference is for Senior High and older young people. Junior High young people will meet soon after Midwinter in a series of rallies.

Rev. Henry Rust will lead the Conference in the theme, "Pilgrim Youth: Pillars of Peace." His talks will be followed by discussion groups led by youth chairmen and resource leaders from among our own churches.

The Conference, opening Sunday afternoon, will allow pastors and other leaders to make the trip with their young people that afternoon, returning home after the closing communion service Wednesday morning, December 31. Those who arrive early on Sunday afternoon will get a chance to visit the famous Sutter's Fort. The opening chapel service is 5:30 p.m., Sunday. Further details are available from Midwinter director, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, Benicia. The headline speaker at the banquet will be Dr. Ronald Bridges, president of Pacific School of Religion. During the afternoon recreation periods there will be auto trips to various parts of Sacramento and a trip to and through the Capitol.

To Arms

(The following poem, written by our own Rev. W. C. Besselievre of Port Chicago, won first prize at the Sylvan Dale School for Ministers last summer, and well it might.)

Call, Trumpet, Call! Blow, trumpet, blow!
For Evil swaggers grandly o'er the earth
Demanding toll of every man from birth
To death. And all his many minions grow
In bold presumption, Rapine, Slaughter go
Together down a laughing way and Mirth
Lies dead behind them. Greed expands his girth
By gobbling up the innocent, the slow
To understand how man can feed on man
Like vampires sucking blood from those asleep.
Rise up, O men of God! The time to weep
Is past! To arms! To arms, each tribe and clan!
The white, the black, the yellow—summon all!
Blow, trumpet, blow! Call, trumpet, call!

—From ADVANCE

UNIT PLAN

Rev. N. F. Sanderson gave the Unit Plan such vigorous leadership that when the ten-year goal was reached the momentum continued. At last report, Northern California had gone $2,091.23 over the top. This extra amount is appreciated and needed, but we will not have to press this cause another year.

Pastoral Conference

The Pacific School of Religion has arranged an especially strong program for the Pastoral Conference, which has come to be such an important occasion for all of our Congregational ministers. The dates will be February 17, 18, and 19.

The Earl Lectures will be delivered by Henry Sloane Coffin on the theme, "God Confronts Man in History." Dr. Coffin is known throughout the world as preacher, author, and administrator. He was at one time moderator of the Genreal Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and for nearly twenty years president of Union Theological Seminary. He has recently returned from an extended trip around the world.

The Earl Foundation also takes pride in presenting Nels F. S. Ferre, one of the most prominent younger theologians of today. He is professor at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. His series of lectures will be on the theme "Christian Dimensions of Social Action."

There will be workshops on "The Town and Country Church," "Church Building Program," Christian Education," "Evangelism," and "Preaching."

Church Council To Meet

The Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches expects to have a record breaking attendance at the annual meeting and dinner which will be held January 23, beginning at 6:15, at the Oakland Scottish Rite Auditorium. The price of the tickets will be $1.85. No offering will be taken and there will be no campaign for funds. Reports of the many departments of the Council will be given and officers will be elected. The principal speaker will be Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin of New York, one of America's foremost churchmen.

Dr. Pierce Resigns

At the last moment word comes of the resignation of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, who has been pastor of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, for nearly fifteen years. Next month's Pacific will have a more appropriate article.

Jr. Hi Meetings

Taking advantage of the coming of our national secretary for Junior High work, Rev. Henry Rust, there will be a series of leaders' meetings and rallies for the Junior High groups and Church School classes. Plans and techniques for strengthening our work in this department of the church and church school will be emphasized. In the cases where a rally program is set up, a session for leaders will be included as an important part of the program. Detailed notices of the meetings are going to each pastor and church school superintendent.

The places and dates for the Junior High meetings are as follows:

January 2, Friday—San Carlos.
January 3, Saturday—Santa Rosa.
January 4, Sunday—San Leandro.
January 6, Tuesday—Antioch.
January 7, Wednesday — Sacramento.
January 9, Friday—Lodi.

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CRUCIAL

There are a few serious spots in the figures as tabulated below. Some are accounted for by the fact that receipts for the month of November could not be forwarded until after the last day of the month. Other churches have various extenuating factors, but the total picture is that we are just holding our own with a year ago. In 1946 we did not reach the goal requested. We should reach it this year and make up a part, at least, of what we did not do in 1946. More serious still is the decline of our gifts to C.W.V.R. We will have to find $20,000 in the next month to reach last year's level. As in other years, money received up to and including January 10, unless otherwise specificed, will be credited to 1947.

	App't Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 1946	App't Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 1947	C.W.V.R. 1947
Adin	34.14	20.75	.....
Alameda	1,380.90	1,400.52	512.55
Alturas	148.06	137.95	148.75
Angels Camp	155.00	190.00	130.95
Antioch	66.20	145.15	56.24
Auburn	182.85	223.95	103.69
Benicia	.....	105.00	78.00
Berkeley			
Arlington	94.85	85.68	240.53
Chinese	10.00	3.22	.....
First	8,774.36	7,704.72	4,382.54
North	645.07	760.10	634.56
Northbrae	.....	454.73	.....
South	538.56	564.29	95.00
Campbell	193.50	275.00	93.50
Cedarville	101.25	101.25	.....
Cloverdale	74.54	66.91	17.36
Cotati	75.00	77.50	45.00
Crockett	71.57	98.23	5.00
Elk Grove	.....	28.13	228.50
Etna	10.14	49.87	17.67
Eureka	692.45	723.16	506.12
Fairfax	82.95	26.65	.....
Ferndale	343.68	322.75	352.88
Fresno			
First	1,055.00	1,015.00	1,010.85
Free Cross	.....	.....	82.30
Japanese	.....	25.00	.....
Pilgrim	560.00	770.13	250.00
Zion	.....	42.46	.....
Glen Ellen	160.00	90.00	135.00
Grass Valley	25.00	.....	.....
Guerneville	82.26	27.12	.....
Hayward	10.00	150.00	287.65
Kenwood	16.40	64.31	48.75
Likely	.....	15.00	.....
Lodi			
Ebenezer	.....	41.80	576.21
First	3,922.50	2,925.98	1,885.00
Loleta	7.62	.....	.....
Loomis	300.00	192.60	.....
Martinez	989.92	604.07	892.23
Murphys	81.00	122.68	15.00
Niles	50.00	50.00	21.00
Oakland			
First	5,774.40	5,904.27	1,304.04
Fruitvale	56.50	45.00	.....
Japanese	30.00	30.00	3.58
Pilgrim	108.96	91.74	31.90
Plymouth	1,241.00	1,319.95	1,091.12
Orinda	365.15	748.46	.....
Oroville	953.23	549.86	176.63
Pacific Grove	287.10	239.10	9.90
Palo Alto	1,100.00	1,630.29	860 55
Paradise	400.00	540.25	168.41
Parlier	25.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	28.40	82.78	.....
Pescadero	.....	45.00	.....
Petaluma	1,011.00	600.00	600.00
Pittsburg	273.11	237.32	.....
Port Chicago	39.94	25.00	10.00
Porterville	1,100.00	1,565.80	895.22
Redwood City	793.19	1,070.81	940.00
Reedley	.....	15.00	.....
Rio Vista	256.40	235.00	15.00
Ripon	293.92	173.69	50.00
Sacramento			
First	1,425.00	1,432.50	1,020.00
Sierra Arden	45.49	113.00	5.00
Salida	60.00	92.81	29.25
San Carlos	300.40	529.50	300.00
San Francisco			
Beth. Msn. Park	269.02	313.67	88.55
Calvary	.....	30.00	.....
Chinese	126 00	1.00	1.00
First	1,398.88	464.39	72.50
Ocean View	75.00	160.00	6.38
Park Presidio	241.43	274.88	.....
Sanger	.....	11.04	.....
San Jose	983.52	1,050.00	272.86
San Leandro	158.26	138.08	100.50
San Mateo	810.73	330.00	437.07
San Rafael	42.55	66 00	.....
Santa Cruz	940.00	947.50	152.50
Santa Rosa	286.46	213.95	62.00
Saratoga	387.56	205.55	.....
Sebastopol	368.52	377.69	64.73
Sonoma	231.50	169.46	74.35
Soquel	101.00	216.57	80.84
Stockton	828.48	994.07	436 75
Suisun	136.54	68.48	33.25
Sunnyvale	111.79	59.20	52.21
Tulare	685.33	848 83	535.80
Weaverville	100.00	162.00	.....
Woodside	11.50	11.50	.....
Reno, Nevada	805.04	790 70	51.42
Miscellaneous	2,176.40	3,438.49	2,993.67
	$48,178.47	$48,331.84	$25,879.81

Champlin Anniversary

On Wednesday, November 5, the Sonoma church was host at a delightful reception to Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Champlin. It was the fortieth anniversary of Mr. Champlin's ordination. Representatives were present not only from the Sonoma church, of which the Champlins are now members, but Cotati, Glen Ellen, Penngrove, and Pittsburg, all of them churches which the Champlins had served. There were letters of congratulations from a large number of friends and appreciative talks were given by Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Rev. James P. Senter, Rev. George R. Tolson, Mr. Edward Coates (senior deacon of the Sonoma church), and lay representatives of a number of the churches. Superintendent Harley H. Gill brought greetings from the Conference. Rev. Joseph O. Todd, pastor of the church, presided in a happy way introducing the guests. The members of his church served refreshments.

Mr. Champlin served the Pittsburg church three different times. He was also pastor at San Rafael and one of the San Francisco churches. For years he was the registrar of the General Association. He taught in Japan, and many years ago made the trip around the world. In addition to the churches above mentioned he has served at Alturas and Oroville.

Mr. and Mrs. Champlin have rented their home on the Champlin Ranch and have moved to Berkeley, at least for the time being.

SONOMA. Five new members were received on World Communion Sunday. The Every Member Canvass was a decided success. The church now has a kindergarten so mothers may attend morning service, and a Mr. and Mrs. Club to bring together the younger members has been organized. The unusually fine music of the church is made possible by the leadership of Mr. Dan Ruggles. Rev. Joseph O. Todd is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. The contingent budget for 1948 has been underwritten and there will be a candlelight Communion service on Christmas Eve. A children's hour at church time so as to permit parents to attend worship has been inaugurated. Rev. W.C. Besselievre is pastor.

Committees

The Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors at the November meeting made appointments of committees to serve during the coming year. One outstanding change was made, namely, to set up a Christian Education Department with the following committees: Church School Work, Young Adult and Family Life, Student Work, Youth Work, Junior High Work, and the Cazadero Commission.

CHURCH SCHOOL WORK: Rev. H. Weldon Batty, 16 Fay Ave., San Carlos; Mrs. L. C. Thunen, 354 Jerome, Piedmont; Miss Alice Sanderson, 3805 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 11; Mrs. Laurance Cross, 2064 Los Angeles Ave., Berkeley 7; and Rev. T. Davis Preston, Soquel.

YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY LIFE: Miss Ernestine Prather, 1900 26th Ave., Oakland; Mrs. R. V. Conard, P. O. Box 372, Alameda; Rev. Henry Warber, 490 Mastick, San Bruno; Mrs. F. O. Hassler, 22573 B St., Hayward; Mr. Kenneth Loomis, 1531 Nadina St., San Mateo.

STUDENT WORK: Rev. Ralph Hyslop, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley 9; Rev. Vere V. Loper, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4; Dr. Bertha S. Mason, 82 S. 17th St., San Jose 12; Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, 311 Castilleja, Palo Alto; Rev. Noel J. Breed, 116 W. Willow St., Stockton 17; Miss Nancy Bailey, 1115 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 7; Miss Peggy Rapp, 1936 Napa, Berkeley 7; Mr. Burt Rice, U. C. Campus, Davis, Calif.; Mr. Ed Thompson, 920 Mendocino, Santa Rosa.

YOUTH WORK. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley 7; Rev. Robert L. Carlson, P. O. Box 357, Campbell; Rev. Mary McKee Chester, 651 Fulton Ave., Sacramento; Mrs. Joanna Hughes, 314 N. Santa Ana, Modesto; Mr. Robert Inglis, 218 San Carlos, Piedmont; Mr. Bruce MacKenzie, 2600 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

JUNIOR HIGH WORK: Mr. Albert F. King, P. O. Box 1157, Salida; Rev. J. H. Bennett, 146 Broad St., San Francisco 25; Mrs. Eva Maxwell, 225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo; Mr. Verne Robinson, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley 9; Miss Donna Poe, 4140 Gilbert St., Oakland; Miss Amy McArthur, Box 264, San Carlos.

CAZADERO COMMISSION: Mr. Scott Haymond, 180 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley 8; Rev. Harley H. Gill, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco 2; Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley 7; Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, P. O. Box 187, Benicia; Mrs. Scott Haymond, 180 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley 8; Mr. Stuart Gould, 1570 12th Ave., San Francisco 22; Rev. George R. Tolson, 206 E. Street, Santa Rosa; Mr. Frederick A. Meyer, 3642 David Way, Sacramento; Mr. Roger Smith, 331 Vicente Road, Berkeley 5; Mr. C. C. Robinson, 236 Third St., Santa Cruz.

THE COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION WORK will be Rev. Robert W. Inglis, 3805 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 11; Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, P. O. Box 227, Lodi; Rev. Vere V. Loper, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4; Mrs. Chester Marliave, 420 Boynton Ave., Berkeley 7; Mr. John G Neukom, 124 Warren Road, San Mateo; Mr. Peirce Coombes, 703 Market St., San Francisco 3; Rev. Fred R. Morrow, 210 Canon Drive, Orinda; Rev. John H. Gregg, 1256 Divisadero St. Fresno; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord. Court and Susana Sts., Martinez; Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, P. O. Box 187, Benicia.

THE POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRAM COMMITTEE will be Rev. Ralph V. Conard (chairman), P. O. Box 372, Alameda; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Harold T. Avery, 1129 Mandana Blvd., Oakland 10; Rev. F. W. Gross, 515 S. Garfield St., Lodi; Rev. Vere V. Loper, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4; Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, 432 Mason St., San Francisco 2; Mrs. James H. Price, 6439 Regent St., Oakland 9; Rev. N. F. Sanderson, P. O. Box 343, Martinez; Mrs. E. B. Kientz, 643 W. Vine St., Stockton 10. LARGER COMMITTEE: Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Mr. David H. Gill, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler, Mrs. J. H. McCartney, Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Mr. John G. Neukom, Miss Alice Sanderson, Miss Mary Seely, Mrs. Chester Marliave, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries, Dr. Hugh Vernon White, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, Rev. Clayton H. Gill, Mrs. Charles Mosure, Mrs. Bayard Buckham. Miss Sara Garrison, Mr. Ken Lewis.

(List of Committees on Evangelism, Social Action, Appropriations, Apportionment Distribution, Finance, and the Laymen's Commission will appear in the January issue.)

P. U. PROGRESS

Pacific University, our own Congregational college located at Forest Grove, Oregon, inaugurated its first chaplain this fall when the Rev. William H. Genne assumed this newly created position on the faculty. The growth in enrollment of the school and an increasing emphasis on the moral and spiritual values in education make this development one of significance in the life of this pioneer education institution.

The duties of the Chaplain are centered around counselling and direction of the religious activities. The work of the Student Christian Association will be enlarged. The chapel services are housed in the new chapel in Marsh Hall provided by a recent gift. The Chaplain will be available to the local pastors for consultation regarding student programs in their churches.

A new building to be known as Warner Hall and also an addition to McCormick Hall were dedicated on October 25.

TRINITY COUNTY

Extension Director Sidney H. Buckham recently made a trip to Trinity County, visiting not only Weaverville but also Hayfork, Lewiston, and some more remote sections in company with Rev. William F. Keeney, the pastor. Mr. Keeney hopes to have a team of Student Summer Service people for a longer time in Trinity County this coming summer and in the meantime to conduct a series of meetings for Junior High age young people.

DROBISH ELECTED

Our very good friend, Harry Drobish, member of the Laymen's Commission and active worker in the Oroville church, was elected as a member of the State Senate to fill an unexpired term. The Pacific and all Congregationalists extend congratulations.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA-ARDEN. This new church collected 500 pounds of old clothes on Sunday, November 9. The church will cooperate with the Pioneer Church in the entertainment of the Midwinter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference. The Church School is now organized into six departments, with an adult department under way. Ninety people attended a Thanksgiving service held in a vacant store building which had no windows or heat, but on the Sunday following the service was held in the same building under more favorable conditions. The well on the new property is completed, including installation of pump and electric power. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are pastors.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Thirty-four new members were received into the church at the communion service on November 30. Mr. Robert W. Wood former president of Plymouth House, and Mrs. Wood, nee Mary Fulmer, former president of State Pilgrim Fellowship have been in Berkeley and are soon to go to Japan under the American Board. The Plymouth House young peaple had a joint meeting with the young folks of the South Berkeley Community Church. A new parish paper has been launched, known as "The Carrillon." Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth are the pastors.

LODI FIRST. In the eight years during which the volunteer pledge system has been used the church budget has increased from $4000 to $10,000, and some years the amount designated for missions has been more than 50% of the church budget. The church offering at Thanksgiving brought in $483. Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer has been the guest of the First and Ebenezer Churches for two days in early December. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, presided at the community Thanksgiving service in the high school auditorium. The "Wings Over Jordan" choir participated.

TULARE. The church is offering a book service to its people. This service will from time to time make recommendations of outstanding books and place orders for them. Under the general leadership of Rev. Clayton H. Gill, the pastor, 11 churches, and as many service and civic organizations, cooperated in a city-wide clothing drive for relief. Several truckloads of clothing were gathered and shipped. There was a united church observance of Reformation Sunday with Professor Ralph D. Hyslop of the Pacific School of Religion as the speaker.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. This church has an exceedingly active Young Adult Fellowship, meeting Sunday evenings after the service of worship. Among the Sunday evening church speakers have been Rev. James H. Woodruff, assistant pastor, Rev. W. P. Reagor of Oakland, and Lt. Commissioner W. H. Barrett of the Salvation Army. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, has recovered and been preaching every Sunday morning.

HAYWARD. The budget of the church has showed a steady climb from $3500 in 1945 to $13,100 for 1948. This includes a very stubstantial increase for benevolences. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

SAN MATEO. The educational program of this church is at an all time high. Enrollment is increasing and high-class work is being done by a capable staff of teachers. On the afternoon of November 28 there was an exhibit of Bibles, including some of great rarity. Church school teachers greeted parents. A filmstrip entitled "The Story of our Bible" and a motion picture showing the influence of the Bible in missionary lands were shown. The choir of the church will offer "The Messiah" the Sunday before Christmas. In recent weeks the number of new members of the church has averaged more than one a day. Mrs. Eva B. Maxwell is educational director, and Rev. Benton G. Gaskell is the pastor.

PALO ALTO. The social education and action group of the church sponsored a dinner to the A.M.E. Zion Church. A delightful fellowship was experienced. Professor Buell G. Gallagher was the speaker at the church night dinner and a quartet from the Fellowship Church of all Peoples of San Francisco furnished the music. A new student group with 25 members meets for lunch each Sunday following worship. A new young married group has been formed and meets once a month. Mr. Casaday is happy over the fact that the church is over the top on its giving to the Postwar Emergency Program.

AUBURN. There were 90 present at the annual meeting. Every report was encouraging. There had been a gain of twelve in church membership. The enlarged budget had been more than met and certain repairs and improvements on the property had been made. The Sunday School had reached the 100 mark and more classrooms must be provided. Clothes are to be collected each month during the coming year for world relief. The new budget provides for an increase in salary and benevolences. Rev. Lucius F. Reed is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. This church had its annual meeting on November 7 in the All Souls' Church social hall. Mr. Dwight Gilchrist is to be the new moderator. A budget calling for an increase in the pastor's salary and benevolences was adopted. The men's group served an Italian dinner. There was an interesting program presenting some of the activities of the church school and the young people. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is the pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Ninety-one people were present at the annual meeting. The church recently had the pleasure of a visit by Rev. J. K. Fukushima who for so many years served the church. Rev George Aki gave the main address at the Pilgrim Fellowship district meeting at Porterville.

WOODSIDE. A new Baldwin electronic organ was dedicated Sunday evening, November 30. An organ concert was given by Mr. Herbert Nanny of Stanford Memorial Church. A social hour followed the concert. Rev. Charles E. Ward is the pastor.

BENICIA. A most thoroughgoing preparation was made for Loyalty Sunday and the Every Member Canvass. With a little followup work the increased budget will be covered. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Since the calling of Rev. Ernest M. Fowler the church has been moving forward in every department. Two outstanding events have occurred recently: a new Baldwin electronic organ has been installed and has added greatly to the worshipfulness of the services. A choir is rehearsing and will make its initial appearance in connecton with the Christmas Season. A room in the church has been redecorated, new lighting fixtures have been provided, and a large mural has been placed, combining to make of it a beautiful chapel. It has been dedicated as a memorial to Mrs. Ellen Merrell Wetherbee who was such a good friend of the church in days gone by.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the Thank Offering meeting of the Women's League Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach led in a devotional service entitled "Spiritual Living and Giving" and Mrs. H. B. Wlliams of San Carlos gave a beautiful interpretation of "My Indian Family." The Thank Offering amounted to $284.90. The Junior High School members brought gifts for Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday morning, November 23, and the support of the church budget was insured at the Thanksgiving Service by the members who renewed their pledges for the year. Rev. Clarence F. Reidenbach is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. James P. Senter has closed his work and gone to Eureka. A farewell party was given the Senters on November 20. Congregational ministers in nearby churches with representatives of Sebastopol organizations were present and many words of felicitation were spoken regarding the several years of service which the Senters have given. The young people of the Redwood Empire also gave them a surprise farewell. There were seven new members received at the Communion Service on November 23. One of those joining was a Japanese-American high school girl.

SANTA ROSA. A turkey dinner was sponsored by the Couple's Club after the Thanksgiving Sunday service. A splendid program followed. The father and mother of the pastor, Rev. George R. Tolson, and Rev. James P. Senter and family of Sebastopol were special guests. The kitchen has been remodelled and paid for. Congregations are increasing. A fund has been started for the repair of the roof.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Thanksgiving offering for the regular support of the church amounted to about $1500. Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer spent one entire Sunday with the church and was speaker at the December meeting of the Women's League. Rev. Robert W. Inglis is pastor.

PARLIER. Word has recently been received that Rev. G. Farajian is coming from Athens, Greece, to be the pastor of this church. It is hoped that he will be settled and at work before Christmas. The church has been without a minister for a year or more.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. The pastor, Rev. Robert W. Moon, holds a preparatory class for new members. A sermon by Mr. Moon entitled "A Christian Prophet Looks at Russia" was published in the November issue of "The Pastor."

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Mr. Leland Mahood presented his resignation to the annual meeting of the church on November 25, which is to take effect in sixty days or earlier if convenient to the church. During his pastorate a considerable number of people have united and the finances of the church maintained at an encouraging level. He has become active in the Oakland Council of Churches, the Boy Scouts, the YMCA, and the Conference young people's work, and has made himself greatly beloved by a large number of people. He has not yet fully announced his plans, but The Pacific hopes he may be persuaded to accept another pastorate in this area.

FRESNO, FIRST. A gift of $100 made possible the purchase of a slide and filmstrip projector with portable screen. The church school enrollment has gained 60 members in the past twelve months. There is a splendid staff of 17 regular teachers and officers. The young married people's club has grown so large that it is necessary to have two groups: one with 112 members and the other 90 members. The Sunday evening forum series had 400 in attendance at the opening lecture. The architect is at work on plans and specifications for the new building. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

STOCKTON. A beautiful set of Schulmerich carillonic bells has been installed and dedicated. The Semper Fidelis Circle has through the years gathered a memorial fund and this together with voluntary gifts of a considerable number of people made possible these bells. They have a guaranteed coverage of one and one-half miles. The tone is beautiful and worshipful. Rev. Noel J. Breed led his people in the observance of Loyalty Sunday on November 30 when nearly two-thirds of the contributing families of the church brought their pledges voluntarily.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. A fund is growing for the purpose of a station wagon to serve as a Sunday School bus. The church would appreciate contributions for that purpose. The fund now amounts to $353. Rev. Norio Ozaki, pastor, cooperated in two evangelistic campaigns which were held in seven Japanese churches. Mr. Ozaki is the president of the Japanese Church Federation.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Serious thought is being given to the finding of a location for a new church building. It is desired to find the spot which will permit the church to continue its ministry to the Chnese students at the University and be reasonably central for the Chinese residents of Berkeley. Dr. Hoh Yamtong is pastor.

ALAMEDA, Rev. Gail Cleland, former pastor, was guest of the church and preacher on November 30. A large congregation of the church and other Alameda friends greeted him and were thrilled by the story he had to tell of Korea, from which country he had just returned.

SUNNYVALE. In response to the appeal of the Building Society, the church decided to pay off the grant mortgage amounting to $1,100. The budget is provided by voluntary subscriptions. Rev. John K. Ballou is the pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Miss Helen M. Perkins, Editor for the Month

November Meeting Shows Progress

In September our Federation separated into its component parts and we met as Associations, hither and yon in the state. In October we joined with the whole Conference in its annual meeting in Berkeley. This month saw us again as a unit in the familiar and beautiful chapel of the First Church of Oakland. Incidentally, this November meeting is the last before our own Annual Meeting in January. This meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month and in the Broadmoor Church, San Leandro. We have experienced the hospitality of the Broadmoor Church many times and it is somthing to enjoy. Let us put the time and place down on our 1948 calendars now: January 15, Broadmoor Church, San Leandro.

The November meeting was full of interest. Our Home and Foreign secretaries put us in touch with the "whole round world." Mrs. Chester Marliave, for the work abroad, talked to us especially about the Philippines. It has been for some time Mrs. Marliave's helpful custom to dwell particularly on one area of our work so that we may be more familiar with it. She emphasized that the various denominations neither overlap nor compete in this field. Our responsibility is the island of Mindanao, a very fertile country. Our oldest mission station there is at Davao. The term "station" is, Mrs. Marliave pointed out, a misnomer as nothing is there now but the hospital, than which, probably, nothing could be more needed. Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Tong are working there. Mr. Tong was especially trained for work in rural areas. Silliman Theological Seminary at Dumaguete is headed by Rev. James F. McKinley, whose dramatic rescue by an American submarine during the war was never fully disclosed.

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, for the Home field, called on Mrs. Scott Haymond, recently returned from the Midwest Regional Conference in Colorado. One of her interesting topics was the one which is to be our Mission Study Book next year, The West Indies, and, specifically, Ryder Memorial Hospital at Humacao, Puerto Rico. This has been one of our Thank Offering projects this year. Besides Ryder there is one government hospital in Puerto Rico, which is without registered nurses or physicians. We are hoping to increase Ryder capacity from the present fifty-three beds to ninety and to open Blanche Kellogg, long closed as a girls' school, as a nurse's training institute. Mrs. Gill also stressed the fact that though we have numbers of schools and hospitals in our own south, our (Congregational) churches are small and few in number, but they have an important function in ministering to people no longer satisfied with uneducated leadership.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Interdenominational secretary, began her talk with the comment. "How we do confuse ourselves with names!" and proceeded to illustrate this so completely as to confuse your reporter. Two things stood out clearly, however: the tremendous need for continued assistance to the impoverished areas of Europe and the Orient, both in money and in clothing; and the effort, along the line of non-duplication in religious work, to allocate to the denominations the industrial areas here in our own state in which the population has so immeasurably increased during these last few years. This survey, carried on by Rev. W. Edgar Gregory, is also part of our Thank Offering project.

We were glad to meet and hear from our new secretary of the Christian Home, Mrs. F. O. Hassler of Hayward, who will be willing to use her arresting topic, "How to have your grownup children like you," as a basis for a talk to your society. Contact Mrs. R. S. Sargent, 6016 Auburn Ave., Oakland 11, (telephone: Olympic 2-5636). Mrs. Sargent is the chairman of the Speakers' Bureau.

In the absence of Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Literature secretary, her able assistant, Mrs. George Thomson, reported that the end of the reading year will coincide with that of the other departments. (For some time the reading year has run to April.) Blanks for reporting results will go out this month and Reading chairmen will be asked to send their reports to Mrs. Siegrist (25 Duncan Way, Oakland 11) by January 2, 1948. Will all Reading chairmen please take special note of this?

Mrs. James Cooper, Thank Offering secretary, emphasized the **spirit** rather than the amount. Mrs. L. K. Doty, Friendly Service Secretary, reported that very few of the societies had not accepted their quotas, though some had not yet filled them. Some had even increased theirs, notably Park-Presidio in San Francisco, which had more than doubled the designated amount. She still has war relief sewing on hand. Write her if you can take any: 929 Webster St., Palo Alto.

We were sorry to learn that Mrs. Herbert Gans, Devotional Life secretary, who has been ill for some time, must go to the hospital for a second time. We sincerely hope that this will mark the turn toward a complete recovery. In her absence Mrs. Bayard Buckham, who has brought us so much of beauty and inspiration in the past, led us in our devotional service at the close of the morning session.

The afternoon session opened with an address by Mrs. W. W. Douglas of the Berkeley League of Women Voters. Mrs. Douglas was introduced by Mrs. C. R. Claiborne of the South Berkeley Community Church. Out of the welter of discouragement and criticism with which our papers and books are filled, Mrs. Douglas brought a list of a number of pieces of work activated through the United Nations which would not have been possible without international pressure. Some of these are the International Children's Emergency Fund, the World Health Organization for the study and control of epidemics, the development of standard serums, the inter-relation between this and the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the Narcotics Commission. Most of these may be only in the stage of study and reports at present, but the reports are not pigeonholed; they are discussed and "at least have the full light of world opinion turned on them."

The afternoon closed with reports from Associational presidents: Mrs. Archie Finney of San Joaquin. Mrs. Russell Williams of Santa Clara, Mrs. J. E. Enman of Bay, and Mrs. Victor Parachini of Upper Bay, for which, unfortunately, there is no room in this month's issue.

Due to a death in her family, our editor, Mrs. Clifford Poe, was unable to be present at the meeting. The women sent her their sympathy and will welcome her return in January.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, pastor of this church received word on Sunday, November 9, of the death of his mother, Mrs. Edward D. Gaylord. Mrs. Gaylord was known to many people in Northern California and was the wife of the former Superintendent of our Southern California Conference. Mr. Llyod L. Lorbeer was the speaker at the November Church Night dinner. The Christmas offering is to be for the C.W.V.R. Five new members were received in November.

CAMPBELL. Five members were received in November, bringing the total for the year to forty. The young people are bringing outstanding speakers to a series of forum meetings once a month. The new choir director is giving splendid satisfaction. A goodly group of young adults are attending services and participating in church activities. Rev. Robert L. Carlson, the pastor recently invited Extension Director Sidney Buckham to spend a day studying population trends in the area.

SUISUN. Mr. M. J. Diller who is serving the church while a student at Pacific School of Religion, will be able to spend more time on the field since his wife and daughter have moved from Berkeley to Suisun. Through Mr. Diller's initiative, a ministerial association of the Fairfield-Suisun district has been formed. A Junior Church has been launched and a Pilgrim Fellowship group is in the offing.

PETALUMA. The passing of very substantial contributors during the year past has made the securing of next year's budget a crucial matter but it has been done, and, in the bargain, it was an increased budget. Congratulations to Rev. Herbert C. Gans and the Petaluma people!

EUREKA. This church is awaiting with keen anticipation the pastorate of Rev. James P. Senter whose family arrived in Eureka during the Thanksgiving vacation. Mr. Senter began his service with the Eureka church on December 7.

CROCKETT. The Sunday School is preparing for a white gifts Christmas. The high school young people's group has been organized and is meeting Sunday mornings. Two hundred dollars has been set aside by the Ladies' Aid toward a stained glass window. Clothes and money have been contributed to Church World Service. Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer was an appreciated guest of the church one night this past month. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALARY. Since moving into their own church property the people have painted the front of the building and the interior of the social hall. Cupboards have been built and complete equipment of table ware sufficient to serve 144 people has been purchased. They have also installed a $350 kitchen gas range. Rev. H. A. Kartozian, the pastor, is delighted with the volunteer work that the people are doing.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. On the 16th of October this church lost one of its oldtime and most valued laymen, Mr. Frank W. Finch. He had been a member of Mission Park Church and the Olivet Church in a still earlier day. Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer of India was the speaker at the November Family Nite dinner. Rev. LeRoy Abbott is the pastor.

SALIDA. The church has now a gasoline-powered lawnmower which would be a boon to many a church with a large lawn. An additional floor furnace in a Sunday School room gives more efficient heat. Plans are looking toward a new social hall, and a large building committee has been set up. Mr. Albert F. King is the pastor.

FORD FORSYTH CALLED TO GREAT FALLS

Just as copy goes to the printer word has come of the call to Rev. J. Ford Forsyth to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Great Falls, Montana. It is an opportunity which Dr. Forsyth could no well decline and he has accepted as of March 1. His going will be deeply regretted by the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, by the Plymouth House group of students, and by the Conference. He has served as associate minister and student work director in a way that has endeared him to everyone.

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